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Attorney Docket No. 82001-0297

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Martin HORNE )  
Application No. 10/057,983 )  
Filed: January 29, 2002 )  
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ALLOCATING THE )  
SUPPLY OF CRITICAL MATERIAL COMPONENTS )  
AND MANUFACTURING CAPACITY )

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF DECISION  
ON PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.47(b)**

Sir:

In response to the Decision on Petition dated September 16, 2002 (Paper No. 6), Attachment 1, reconsideration of this Decision is hereby requested in view of the following events:

(1) On or about October 10, 2002, I sent a letter via FEDEX International Overnight Delivery Services to the inventor's (Mr. Martin Horne) last known residential address at **73 Murray Street, Richmond, Ontario, Canada, K0A 2Z0**. The letter included a copy of the above-listed application, formal papers including a declaration in accordance with 37 CFR §1.63, and instructions for Mr. Horne to review the application and execute the formal papers. A copy of this letter is appended as Attachment 2. On or about October 11, I received notice from FedEx that this letter could not be delivered to this address because Mr. Horne no longer resided at that location. The deliver service could not obtain a forwarding address for Mr. Horne.

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(2) Subsequent to the filing of the original Petition Under 37 Cfr §1.47(B), I have made numerous further unsuccessful attempts to obtain a residential telephone number for Mr. Horne through the telephone directory services and through online telephone number search engines. According to my searches, there is currently no listed telephone number for "Martin Horne" in the province of Ontario, Canada, including the city of Richmond.

(3) On or about October 11, 2002, I determined through an Internet search that Mr. Martin Horne is currently the President and CEO of Blueair Networks, Inc. This company has a URL of [www.BlueAirNetworks.com](http://www.BlueAirNetworks.com). As indicated on this website, this company is located at

**108 Third Ave, Second Floor,  
Ottawa, ON K1S 2J8.**

The website further provided an e-mail address for Mr. Horne. I contacted Mr. Horne at that e-mail address and requested Mr. Horne to provide a mail address to which I could forward a copy of the specification and the formal papers. Mr. Horne replied by return e-mail that he would accept delivery of the application and the formal papers at the above-listed business address.

(4) As evidenced by the letter appended as Attachment 3, I forwarded a copy of the application, as filed, and the formal papers to Mr. Horne at his business address on October 11, 2002. The letter instructed Mr. Horne to review the application and to execute the declaration. On or about October 14, I received notice from FedEx Delivery Services that this letter was delivered to Mr. Horne's last known residential address.

(5) On or about October 16, 2002, I received a signed declaration from Mr. Horne, a copy of which is appended hereto.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true; that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. §1001; and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or document or any resulting registration resulting therefrom.

In view of the foregoing, the reconsideration of this decision is respectfully requested. Should the Office of Counsel feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this request, the Office of Counsel is invited to contact the undersigned petitioner's representative to expedite a final decision on this matter.

A check for the amount of **\$130.00** is enclosed for the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(h). **Except** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response or, additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1349. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

**HOGAN & HARTSON, LLP**

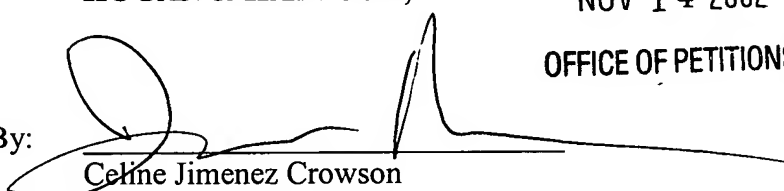
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## COMBINED DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

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Attorney Docket No.: 82001-0297

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

MY residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to MY name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ALLOCATING THE SUPPLY OF CRITICAL  
MATERIAL COMPONENTS AND MANUFACTURING CAPACITY**

the specification of which:

☐ is attached hereto; or

☒ was filed as United States application Serial No. 10/057,983 on January 29, 2002; or

was filed as PCT international application Number \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended under PCT Article 19 on (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office information which is material to the patentability of claims presented in this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or § 365(a) of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed:

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I hereby claim the benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATION NO.	U.S. FILING DATE
60/264,321	January 29, 2001

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) or § 365(c) of any PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to the patentability of claims presented in this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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**POWER OF ATTORNEY:** As an inventor, I hereby appoint the registered practitioners of Hogan & Hartson LLP included in the Customer Number provided below to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, and direct that all correspondence be addressed to that Customer Number.

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SIGNATURE OF AGENT FOR INVENTOR			
TITLE FOR AGENT FOR INVENTOR			DATE OCT 15, 2002



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DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed on 21 June, 2002, under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a), but considered under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(b)<sup>1</sup> because the case is a matter in which no inventor signs the oath or declaration since the sole inventor cannot be found or refuses to sign.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Any petition (and fee) for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) are permitted. Any response should be entitled "Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(b)" and may include an oath or declaration executed by the inventors.

Failure to respond will result in abandonment of the application.

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BACKGROUND

The record indicates:

- this application was filed on 29 January, 2002, without, *inter alia*, an executed oath or declaration by the sole named inventor Martin Horne (Mr. Horne);
- accordingly, a Notice of Missing Parts was mailed on 21 February, 2002;
- in response to the Notice of Missing Parts, Petitioner filed on 21 June, 2002, *inter alia*, a request and fee for a two- (2-) month extension of time, the surcharge and the instant petition and fee;
- the petition fails to enclose/attach a copy of the transmittal letter(s) accompanying and evidencing the mailing of the entire application (specification including description, claims, abstract and the drawings) to Mr. Horne at his last known address.

<sup>1</sup> The regulations at 37 C.F.R. §1.47, in pertinent part:  
§1.47 Correction of inventorship in a patent application, other than a reissue application.

(b) Whenever all of the inventors refuse to execute an application for patent, or cannot be found or reached after diligent effort, a person to whom an inventor has assigned or agreed in writing to assign the invention or who otherwise shows sufficient proprietary interest in the matter justifying such action may make application for patent on behalf of and as agent for all the inventors. The oath or declaration in such an application must be accompanied by a petition including proof of the pertinent facts, a showing that such action is necessary to preserve the rights of the parties or to prevent irreparable damage, the fee set forth in §17(i), and the last known address of all of the inventors. The Office shall, except in a continued prosecution application under §1.53(d), forward notice of the filing of the application to all of the inventors at the addresses stated in the application and publish notice of the filing of the application in the *Official Gazette*. An inventor may subsequently join in the application on filing an oath or declaration complying with §1.63.

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Because the documentation otherwise supporting the petition was present, a call was placed to the office of Counsel requesting that the document(s) in question be forwarded via FAX to the Office of Petitions, however, as of this writing no response has been received.

### ANALYSIS

While Petitioner has established its proprietary interest and that the inventors cannot be found to sign the declaration (the proof of the pertinent events must be made by a statement of someone with first hand knowledge of the events) or cannot be reached, the Office requests a copy of the transmittal letter evidencing the mailing of the entire application (specification including description, claims, abstract and the drawings) to Mr. Horne at his last known address.

A copy of the application papers must be sent to the last known address of the non-signing inventor(s) with a request that he/she sign the declaration for the patent application. A forwarding address should be requested, if the papers are returned, and other attempts to locate the inventor, e.g. through e-mail or the telephone continue to fail, then applicant will have established that the inventor(s) cannot be reached.

The submission must contain documentation evidencing that the entire application and the oath or declaration were sent to the inventors at his/her last known address. Such evidence should include a copy of the transmittal letter (not previously included herein) and a copy of the shipping waybill and the shipper's indication of delivery, refusal, or other non-delivery conditions.

An oath or declaration for the patent application in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.63 and §1.64 must be presented. The declaration must set forth the inventor's residence, citizenship and post office address. (An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.63 and §1.64 signed by the Rule §1.47 applicant is required.)

Moreover, Petitioner's Counsel must set forth in his/her statement their attestation that he/she believes all of the information submitted to be correct--including the required foregoing items and the statement of the last known addresses of the inventors.

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

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Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-9199.



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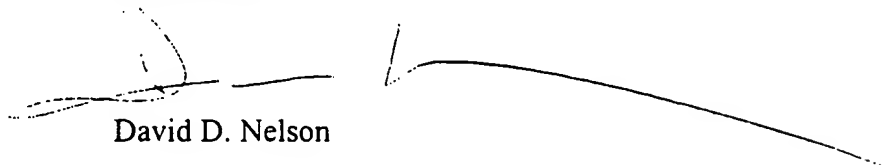
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